

04/01/05

17W

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ARAI et al.
 Serial No.: 10/608,295
 Filed: June 24, 2003
 Confirmation No.: 9034



Examiner: Quang D. Vu
 Group Art Unit: 2811
 Docket: 10873.1243US01
 Notice of Allow. Date: N/A

Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10:

"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV 495870442 US
 Date of Deposit: March 30, 2005

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

By: 

Name: David Ortiz

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450



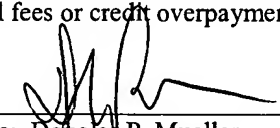
Commissioner:

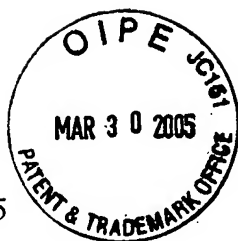
We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 3 References, Copy of Japanese Office Action
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Merchant & Gould P.C.
 P.O. Box 2903
 Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903
 612.332.5300

By: 
 Name: Douglas P. Mueller
 Reg. No.: 30,300
 DPM/sbd



S/N 10/608,295

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	ARAI et al.	Examiner:	Quang D. Vu
Serial No.:	10/608,295	Group Art Unit:	2811
Filed:	June 24, 2003	Docket No.:	10873.1243US01
Title:	SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10:

"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV 495870442 US

Date of Deposit: March 30, 2005

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

By: 

Name: David Ortiz

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in a Japanese Office Action mailed February 22, 2005.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits or a first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; ii) a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311; or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application. No fee is due as this statement is submitted as certified below under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or §1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application within three months of filing this statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Enclosed for the Examiner's review is a copy of the Japanese Office Action.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the references are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

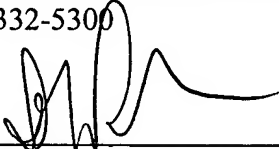
Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

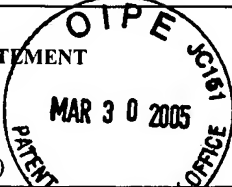


MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903
(612) 332-5300

Dated: March 30, 2005

By: 
Douglas P. Mueller
Reg. No. 30,300

DPM/sbd

FORM 1449* INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION (Use several sheets if necessary)			Docket Number: 10873.1243US01	Application Number: 10/608,295
			Applicant: ARAI et al.	
	Filing Date: June 24, 2003	Group Art Unit: 2811		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	2001-298110	10/2001	Japan			Abstract	
	2001-308258	11/2001	Japan			Abstract/ Partial	
	2002-124627	04/2002	Japan			Abstract/ Partial	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

23552

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.	